



Seuss Class Newsletter – Spring Term 1 2022

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

A very happy New Year Seuss Class, we hope you had a lovely break!

Mrs Foster, Mrs Smith and Miss Baker (student teacher) will continue to teach this term. Miss Baker will be working with us until the end of January. Mrs Grimbleby will be working in Year 2 as our teaching assistant on a permanent basis. Miss Antoine will still be a part of the Year 2 team, but will be supporting us from home before she goes on maternity leave. As usual, we will continue to use Class Dojo to provide you with key information so please check this regularly or have the alerts switched on.

Topic – Spring 1 – We are going to the circus

Our new exciting topic for this half term is 'We are Going to the Circus'. We will learn about the modern day circus and the founder of the original circus too. We will make moving pictures with a circus theme and link our science to the human body, as well as writing a circus themed story.

Homework

Spellings will be given to all children on a Monday, (starting Monday 10th January), so please look out for these and let us know if you don't receive them. Many children are familiar with receiving weekly spellings homework, but to some this will be new and will replace the dictated sentence homework which was uploaded weekly to Class Dojo.

Reading books: If your child is on turquoise, purple, gold or white stage books, they will change their book once a week on a Monday. We feel once a week is enough, as it gives children time to discuss what they read, answer questions and also to re-read sections of the book to build their fluency. If you feel your child needs additional reading materials, they have their bedtime story book, reading comprehension sheet and also access to Oxford Owl online reading books. The log in details for Oxford Owl can be found in your child's reading record. If your child is not yet on the stage books listed above, then we will continue to change books on a Monday and a Thursday.

All children will now be given a reading comprehension sheet on a Thursday to complete, which needs to be uploaded to Class Dojo please once completed.

Weekly General / Topic Homework: On a Friday a short piece of homework is uploaded to Class Dojo portfolios and it is based on something we have learnt that week. The theme/ subject of this homework changes weekly.

Maths: Please remember Numbots/Times Tables Rock Stars is an online maths programme which school subscribes to. This is available for children to access from home. Again, the sticker with log in details can be found in your child's reading record.

PE

We will continue to have our PE day on Wednesday, so please continue to send your child into school in their outdoor PE kit. Shoe laces are often coming untied so please double knot them. We are also promoting children being able to tie their own laces so please upload a video of them doing this to Class Dojo so we can reward them with 5 Dojo points!

General Reminders and information...

- New reading books will be issued by Monday 10th January. We want to assess the children to check they're on the correct book band so please continue to complete your reading comprehension, use your bedtime story book or use Oxford Owl eBooks until this time.
- Now that the colder weather is with us, if hats, gloves or scarves are brought into school, please could we ask that they are named.
- We will continue to provide good ventilation in the classroom so please ensure your child has an extra jacket/fleece in their bag in case they get cold.
- Although reading books are changed on a Monday and for some children on a Thursday, please ensure they are in your book bags each day.

Dates and events coming up...

- Nativity plays – These will be filmed during the first and second week back and will be uploaded as videos to Class Dojo. Look out for the uploads. Please note there will be more than one video due to maximum video lengths on Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 2 Team